



**UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

3D MARINE DIVISION, FMF  
III MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE  
UNIT 35801  
FPO AP 96382-5801

IN REPLY REFER TO

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FOIA

25 Nov 20

Mr. Satoshi Nakanishi  
3-27-1, Sannno  
Ota, Tyo 1430023

Dear Mr. Nakanishi:

I am submitting this letter to you as a response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request seeking the "Unit history of 3d Battalion, 12th Marines in what battles and wars they participated in...on or around [sic] 1 Jan 90 through 31 Dec 20."

Documents responsive to your request are provided to you at enclosure (1). You have the right to submit an appeal to our response to:

Judge Advocate General (Code 14)  
1322 Patterson Avenue SE, Suite 3000  
Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5066

You must postmark or submit an appeal, if any, within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter and should include a copy of your initial request, this letter, and a statement indicating why you believe Code 14 should grant your appeal. I recommend that your appeal and its envelope both bear the notation, "Freedom of Information Act Appeal".

You also have the right to seek assistance and/or dispute resolution services from the Marine Corps FOIA Public Liaison, Ms. Sally Hughes, at [hqmcfoia@usmc.mil](mailto:hqmcfoia@usmc.mil) or (703) 614-4008, and/or the Department of the Navy FOIA Public Liaison, Mr. Christopher Julka, at [christopher.a.julka@navy.mil](mailto:christopher.a.julka@navy.mil) or (703) 697-0031. You may also contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) for assistance and/or dispute resolution at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov) or 1-877-684-6448. For more information online about services provided by OGIS, please visit their website at <https://ogis.archives.gov>. There are no search fees associated with this request and no duplication fees.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this action, please do not hesitate to contact the Staff Judge Advocate, 3rd Marine Division, directly at DSN 315-622-9039, or via email to [cindie.blair@usmc.mil](mailto:cindie.blair@usmc.mil).

Sincerely,

C. BLAIR  
Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Marine Corps  
Staff Judge Advocate  
3d Marine Division

Enclosure: 1. Documents

# ENCLOSURE

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# LINEAGE OF

## 3D BATTALION, 12TH MARINES

1944 - 1947

ACTIVATED 1 FEBRUARY 1944 AT CAMP TETERE, GUADALCANAL AS 5TH BATTALION, 12TH MARINES,  
3D MARINE DIVISION, FLEET MARINE FORCE

REDESIGNATED 31 MARCH 1944 AS 3D BATTALION, 12TH MARINES

PARTICIPATED IN THE FOLLOWING WORLD WAR II CAMPAIGNS

GUAM  
IWO JIMA

DEACTIVATED 31 OCTOBER 1945

REACTIVATED 22 MAY 1946 AT TSINGTAO, CHINA, AND ASSIGNED TO 3D MARINE BRIGADE

PARTICIPATED IN THE OCCUPATION OF NORTH CHINA, MAY-AUGUST 1946

ATTACHED DURING JUNE 1946 TO 4TH MARINES, 1ST MARINE DIVISION

DETACHED DURING AUGUST 1946 FROM 4TH MARINES, 1ST MARINE DIVISION,  
AND REASSIGNED TO 3D MARINE BRIGADE

RELOCATED DURING SEPTEMBER 1946 TO CAMP PENDLETON, CALIFORNIA

DEACTIVATED 16 JULY 1947

1952 - 1979

REACTIVATED 5 SEPTEMBER 1952 AT CAMP PENDLETON, CALIFORNIA,  
AND ASSIGNED TO 3D MARINE DIVISION

DEPLOYED DURING AUGUST 1953 TO CAMP MCNAIR, JAPAN

REDEPLOYED DURING FEBRUARY 1955 TO KANEHOE BAY, TERRITORY OF HAWAII,  
AND REASSIGNED TO 1ST PROVISIONAL MARINE AIR-GROUND TASK FORCE

REASSIGNED DURING MAY 1956 TO 1ST MARINE BRIGADE  
DEPLOYED DURING MARCH 1965 TO OKINAWA, AND REASSIGNED TO 3D MARINE DIVISION

DEPLOYED DURING MAY 1965 TO THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

PARTICIPATED IN THE WAR IN VIETNAM, MAY 1965 – NOVEMBER 1969,  
OPERATING FROM

CHU LAI  
PHU BAI  
DONG HA  
CAM LO  
CAMP CARROLL  
CA LU  
VANDEGRIFT COMBAT BASE

REDEPLOYED DURING NOVEMBER 1969 TO CAMP HANSEN, OKINAWA

RELOCATED DURING AUGUST 1971 TO CAMP HAUGE, OKINAWA

PARTICIPATED IN THE SOUTHEAST ASIA EVACUATIONS, APRIL-JUNE 1975

ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN THE RECOVERY OF THE SS MAYAGUEZ, MAY 1975

RELOCATED DURING SEPTEMBER 1975 TO CAMP ZUKERAN, OKINAWA

1980 – 2011

RELOCATED DURING MARCH 1980 TO CAMP FOSTER, OKINAWA

PARTICIPATED IN THE UNIT DEPLOYMENT PROGRAM 10TH MARINES, 2D MARINE DIVISION,  
CAMP LEJEUNE, NORTH CAROLINA, DURING THE 1980s AND 1990s

PARTICIPATED IN OPERATIONS DESERT SHIELD AND DESERT STORM, SOUTHWEST ASIA,  
JANUARY-APRIL 1991

ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION SEA ANGEL, BANGLADESH, MAY-JUNE 1991

RELOCATED DURING JULY 1998 TO CAMP HANSEN, OKINAWA

ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, IRAQ,  
AUGUST 2004 – FEBRUARY 2005

ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION UNIFIED ASSISTANCE, SOUTHEAST ASIA,  
IN RESPONSE TO TSUNAMI DISASTER, DECEMBER 2004 – FEBRUARY 2005

ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN HUMANITARIAN RELIEF EFFORTS, PHILIPPINES,  
FEBRUARY-MARCH 2006

8 DECEMBER 2011

DATE

  
COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS